

*Stated Meeting, November 17.*

Present, eight members.

Dr. DUNGLISON, Vice-President, in the Chair.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society. Vol. XIV.

No. 9. Supplemental. London. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

Report on the Iron and Coal of Pennsylvania: by Dr. C. M. Wetherill. 4to.

Description of an Apparatus for Organic Analysis by Illuminating Gas;—and on the use of Gas in Experimental Laboratories: by Dr. C. M. Wetherill. Philadelphia, 1854. 8vo.

Examination of the Gas of the Philadelphia Gas Works.—Description of an Apparatus for Broiling by Gas-heat: by Dr. C. M. Wetherill. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

Recollections of Europe in 1854: Professor Robley Dunglison's Introductory Lecture, delivered in the Jefferson Medical College, October 9, 1854. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

The Medical News and Library. Vol. XII. No. 143. November, 1854. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From Blanchard & Lea.*

Astronomical Journal. Vol. IV. No. 5. Nov. 10, 1854. Cambridge. 4to.—*From the Editor.*

The African Repository. Vol. XXX. No. 11. November, 1854. Washington. 8vo.—*From the American Colonization Society.*

Prof. Kendall asked to be excused from the task of preparing a notice of the scientific labours of the astronomers Bessel and Schumacher, to which he was some time since appointed;—and, on motion of Prof. Frazer, he was excused.

Judge Kane called the attention of the Society to the intended course and probably present condition of the American Exploring Expedition to the Arctic regions. The failure of the expedition to return at the expected time has excited anxiety with regard to their safety, and renders it desirable that some effort should be made to trace their steps and acquire intelligence concerning their welfare.

Dr. Franklin Bache, President of the Society, reported that being unable to attend the celebration of the semi-centennial anniversary of the New York Historical Society, to be held on the 20th instant, he had appointed Judge Kane, one of the Vice-Presidents, as a representative.

On motion of Prof. Frazer, a committee consisting of Prof. Frazer, Judge Kane and Mr. Trego, was appointed to prepare and submit to the Society a memorial to Congress, requesting that an expedition may be sent to the Arctic seas with a view of obtaining intelligence concerning the American exploring party now in that portion of the globe. The committee is also authorized to correspond with other Societies in relation to the subject.

*Stated Meeting, December 1.*

Present, twenty members.

Dr. FRANKLIN BACHE, President, in the Chair.

Letters were read:—

From the Imperial Academy of Sciences at Vienna, dated 28th October, 1853;—from the Royal Danish Society of Sciences, dated Copenhagen, 27th April, 1854;—from the Royal Society of Sciences at Göttingen, dated 2d July, 1854,—acknowledging the reception of Transactions and Proceedings of this Society:—

From the Imperial Academy at Vienna, dated April 3, and July 18, 1854;—from the Natural History Association of Rhenish Prussia and Westphalia, dated Bonn, 25th August, 1854;—from the Royal Danish Society of Sciences, dated Copenhagen, 27th March, 1854,—severally announcing the transmission of donations for the library:—

From the Royal Bavarian Academy of Sciences, dated Munich, 30th July, 1854, accompanying a donation, and requesting to be supplied with some missing numbers of the Society's Proceedings.